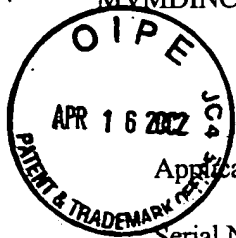


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant : Alexander K. Khairkhahan et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
Serial No. : 10/033,371)
Filed : October 19, 2001)
For : ADJUSTABLE LEFT ATRIAL)
APPENDAGE OCCLUSION DEVICE)
Examiner : Unknown)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.96-1.98, Applicant requests that the documents listed in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be considered in the above-captioned application. These documents have been previously submitted by the Applicant and/or the Examiner in a related application (Serial No. 09/436,562 filed November 8, 1999), and additional copies are therefore not enclosed herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d).

Identification herein is not an admission that any of the foregoing are prior art to the above captioned application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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